

# The Hartford News

June 18 – 24, 2020



## NEWS BRIEFS

### Barry Square Clean-up Set for June 27

The Maple Avenue Revitalization Group (MARG) will hold its annual neighborhood clean-up on Saturday, June 27. The clean-up is usually held the first weekend in May but had to be postponed due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Gloves and masks will be provided to volunteers; social distancing rules should be obeyed whenever possible. Volunteers are asked to gather at the South End Wellness Senior Center, 830 Maple Avenue, Hartford. The clean-up will start at 10 am. Refreshments will be provided to volunteers after the clean-up. For more information, call Hyacinth Yennie at 860-296-5543.

### Voting Now Open for Hartford Decide\$

Hartford residents age 13 and older are eligible to vote in the 2020 Hartford Decide\$ process. Hartford Decide\$ is a participatory budgeting process that allows Hartford residents to have real power over real money. Those voting can choose the project(s) they most want to see happen from a list of nominees. The projects with the most votes will be funded by the City of Hartford from a budget item designated for the program. Voting is open until Friday, June 26; go to [www.HartfordDecides.org](http://www.HartfordDecides.org) to vote online or call (860) 256-8505 to request a mail-in paper ballot and project list. Among this years nominated projects are: an expanded YouMedia center at Hartford Public Library; bike repair kits for schools; igloos for the Bushnell Ice Skating Rink; urban thinkscapes; Keney Park fitness trail; improved basketball courts at Lozada and Pope Parks and the Winter-Green Community Garden.

### The Retreat Goes Coronavirus-Free for 100 Days

Today, June 18, will mark the 100th day that the The Retreat has not had a recorded case of COVID-19 (also known as Coronavirus) among its 100 residents. The Retreat is an assisted living facility on Jefferson Street in Hartford, operated by Community Renewal Team (CRT).

### Parking Authority to Resume Issuing Tickets

The Hartford Parking Authority (HPA) will begin parking enforcement (residential parking, safety related violation and parking meters) this Monday, June 22. During the COVID-19 shutdown, HPA had stopped issuing tickets except for safety violation (such as parking in front of a fire hydrant). For more information, go to [hartfordparking.com](http://hartfordparking.com).

## Protests Continue as Some Changes Start to be Made

BY ANDY HART



*On Friday, June 12, close to 100 local religious leaders held a march through Hartford to protest the death of George Floyd at the hands of Minneapolis police officers and to call for reforms in local police departments. Shown above leading the march down High Street to Hartford Police Headquarters are Pastor AJ Johnson of Urban Hope Refuge Church; Rev. Tracy Johnson-Russell, Rector of Saint Monica's Episcopal Church; Pastor Trevor Beauford of Union Baptist Church; and Pastor Dion Watkins of Mount Olice Church. The march was organized by the Greater Hartford Interfaith Action Alliance and the Center for Leadership and Action. On Saturday, June 13, Hartford Mothers United Against Violence and other groups joined for a march down Albany Avenue (below) from Main Street to Keney Park. Like other marches and rallies across the country, the protestors called for an end to police brutality and systemic racism in America. (Hart photos)*



## Hartford...Once Upon a Time



*In this photo, the view is looking east toward Main Street along the Park River. The river is now covered over by the Whitehead-Conlon Highway. The building at far right is still standing, and is home to a Subway Restaurant. The stone bridge at right center is also still standing. Built in 1833 and reputed to be the longest stone arch bridge in the country at that time, it is one of the oldest structures in Hartford. Oddly enough, it has no official name. (Photo courtesy of the Hartford History Center at the Hartford Public Library)*

Marches and rallies protesting the death of George Floyd on May 25 continued last week as political leaders at the municipal, state and national level examined ways to meet the protesters' sustained demands for an end to police brutality and racism against blacks in the United States.

Another major rally is planned for this Friday, June 19 at Bushnell Park in Downtown Hartford to mark the Juneteenth holiday. The rally, which is being organized by Black America Undivided, is scheduled to start at 2 pm. Juneteenth marks the day in 1865 when the last black slaves in the United States were freed.

The aftermath of Floyd's death and the wave of protests it inspired, which included calls to defund police department across the country, coincided with the City of Hartford's annual budget deliberations. City Council members Wildaliz Bermudez and Joshua Michtom of the Working Families Party had proposed cutting \$9.6 million from the Hartford Police Department's proposed budget of \$45.9 million for Fiscal Year 2020-2021, a decrease of approximately 21 percent.

While Mayor Luke Bronin and other council members declined to make such a drastic cut, council did approve a \$1 million

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## With COVID-19, Hartford Schools Made Big Changes, Quickly

Part one of a two-part story on distance learning

BY LUKE HARRINGTON

Even before the first cases of Covid-19 were confirmed in the United States, Hartford Public Schools had its eye on the disease. An email to families on January 30th informed them of a new illness originating in Wuhan, China, and recommended measures to frustrate the spread of infectious diseases. It soon became clear that the disease was in this country and spreading. Hartford's Superintendent of Schools Dr. Leslie Torres-Rodriguez informed the community on Friday March 13th that all schools would be closed as of the following Monday. It was short notice, and students went without classes for two weeks.

The superintendent's first priority was providing meals. Hartford's public schools provide all students with cost-free meals during a typical school year. Because many city families rely on these meals, the school district made sure that providing these meals would carry on uninterrupted. This meant skirting United States Department of Agriculture rules--since waived--that only allowed schools to serve meals for on-site dining. For two weeks, the school system, in an effort led by Food and Nutrition Director Lonnie Burt, worked with community organizations to serve meals off school premises in order to remain in compliance with the USDA.

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## Ground Broken for New Boys & Girls Club in South End

*Chassidy Gonzalez (center) Governor Ned Lamont, Mayor Luke Bronin and other dignitaries last Thursday, June 11, at a ground-breaking for the new Boys and Girls Club on Ledyard Street in Hartford's South End. Gonzalez, who was recently named the 2020 Boys and Girls Club of Hartford (BGCH) Youth of the Year, said she is thrilled that a club will finally be located in her neighborhood. The new facility will be located on land donated by the City of Hartford on Ledyard Street, directly behind Burr School on Wethersfield Avenue. It is expected to open in the fall of 2021 and will serve 1,500 more children in Hartford in addition to the 8,000 already served by the BGCH. Club officials envision it being a home-away-from-home for up to nearly one-third of school-age children living in the South End of Hartford and who have lacked afterschool programs. (Hart photo)*

## DIRTY WORDS?

### *City Council doesn't do the right thing*

COMMENTARY BY ANNE GOSHDIGIAN

About three months ago I was told that some Hartford councilors were talking about hiring their own legal representation, as opposed to using Corporation Counsel Howard Rifkin or any of the other attorneys on his staff when they have to deal with lawsuits against the city. City Council has had its own legal eagle in the past, but not recently, so this move would entail re-funding that dormant position. I was also informed that creating the job for one Hartford attorney in particular was behind it all. I wasn't in favor of it and thought about the plan for a while, eventually stashing it in the memory bank and moving on to other issues. Then, a couple of weeks ago, a council member contacted me and mentioned what was brewing, saying there was no need for a separate attorney, and that the city shouldn't be reinstating a position that would increase an already strained budget. Last week, the resolution to create and later fill the job appeared on the council agenda. I didn't (virtually) attend the meeting, but I read Becca Lurye's insightful reporting on the vote in the Hartford Courant, and was shocked to find out that the six-member Democratic majority on council voted down some very important things.

So tell me, who in hell votes thumbs-down on an amendment that would require the attorney hired to have "...a clean record with the Connecticut bar"? Well, the council majority was against it. Oh yeah, it didn't bother them that they might end up getting their legal advice from someone with a questionable record in the practice of the law. They're cool with that. They had no problem with accepting the stipulation that the chosen one has to be a Hartford resident, but questions of ethics and abili-

ty were deemed inconsequential. The amendment also proposed that the choice (which the council president gets to make on her own) should still require the approval of the full council. Nah! Nobody cares about that, do they? "You go ahead and pick whoever you like, Madame President. You don't need our input. We trust your judgment", and the majority again voted "Nay".

Now, I can honestly say I don't know for sure who the president will choose for the as-needed- at-the-going-rate-of -\$250-an-hour job. But I can say with assuredness that the position was revived with one person in mind—possibly as a "team member" who'll share the council work tossed his/her way with another lawyer or even two others, to camouflage anything that might smack of favoritism. But I can't shake the image of those six sheep giving a free pass to one person to pick whomever she likes best, without consideration of their record and with zero input from her colleagues on council. She also didn't think it necessary to specify what the new hire's legal duties would be, a stipulation also put forth in the amendment, and the six little lambs were cool with that, too.

So here on the planet Hartford, it appears that the words "clean record" and "unanimity" are somehow abhorrent, and should be shunned by majority vote—right up there with "accountability" and "transparency" and that big joke, "zero tolerance". Is this why these representatives of the people were elected to serve us? To hop, skip, and jump over ethics, integrity, and—by Jupiter!—intelligence? Is this proposed job even necessary? Outside of the three Minority party councilors, no one seems to care. We deserve better...a lot better.

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## Politically Speaking

*A Fresh Look at Issues  
Facing our Region & State*

BY MIKE MCGARRY

### Car Insurance, More Important than Statues

Our mayor has generally held up well during these ongoing crises...until it came time to being politically correct.

This column will not get into an argument with Supreme Court decisions, the national uproar over police misconduct, or even those who want to rewrite history to today's standards. Let's stick to local concerns like one matter that continues to bedevil Hartford citizens, our crushing car insurance rates. Talk about unfairness; talk about discrimination; talk about creating lawlessness. The high car insurance rates in our city as compared to surrounding towns virtually forces many of our citizens to break the law by driving without insurance. That leaves them in danger of being pulled over by police every time they get behind the wheel.

With all the uproar going on in the country now, it's also time to correct this obvious wrong which directly affects so many Hartford residents. Instead, we get the symbolic gesture of taking down a statue.

Because the cost of owning a car in Hartford has become virtually impossible to pay for many people, so many of our residents are driving illegally that the City of Hartford is

finally catching up with them, recently catching almost 4,000 "under the radar" illegal drivers.

So here is what happens as we ignore why people have to go under the radar, instead opting for politically correct news conferences.

- People driving illegally tend to not register to vote
- People driving illegally tend not to fill out the U.S. Census
- Many don't even open a bank account

An estimated one-third of our population wants to stay under the radar. A public works official said 30 percent of householders ignore bulky trash rules. A car towing company has to figure that every third car it tows in Hartford will be illegal in some way, mainly due to the high cost of maintaining a car here.

Of course, some will say, buy a junker, pay only liability insurance, skip inspections until the car falls apart - then buy another junker. Well it's easier just to ignore the problem. Statues are more important. We've warned – as the mayor

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## Having Coffee With a Former Police Chief

COMMENTARY BY BILL KATZ

Former Hartford police chief David Rosado once held coffee meetings with residents around the city. I attended one of these "coffees" and posed a question to him at the First and Last Bakery on Maple Avenue in 2018. My question revolved around the point in time during a situation when an officer pulls out his weapon. I asked him why does it seem that when a police officer shoots that he or she aims to kill instead of only wounding a suspect. I will never forget his response. He told me that when it reaches the point of requiring the firing of a weapon, then there is but one objective, which is to kill the suspect.

I immediately realized that although I believed I was staring at a well-meaning and good cop, I also knew that his brain had been mismanaged all his career from police cadet training school all through to the end. He was likely taught through the ranks that there is a defensive blue line of brothers and sisters that must never be breached. But I don't really know this for sure. I'm guessing.

There are many bigger issues that need to be addressed now and if they are not, this revolt against police brutality will be lost. And we will not have learned a damn thing. We will be back to square one employing the same, poorly-trained police personnel. The worst part of this is that these police are not even aware of their own inadequacies.

A new unnecessary police killing (let's call it the 'killing of the week?') is now in progress. Another new example of unnecessary police killing in Atlanta and a good example to use. Some would say that the person in question deserved to be shot at and killed (again, that shoot to kill mentality) because he grabbed an officer's taser, a non-lethal weapon and turned around while fleeing and pointed it at the officer. If police cadet schools had taught this cop any good lessons, it would be in how to defuse an incident as benign as falling asleep in a Wendy's drive through.

The results would have been dramatically different had the cop called the suspect's home to have him get a ride to pick him up. HE WAS SLEEPING OFF A DRINKING HIGH. The man was not breaking any law unless there is a new law called "Sleeping While Black." Further, if police schooling had any degree of worth, it would give a course in how black folks have been subjected to 401 years of repression and much of that time, enslaved. Even in my brief lifetime, we knew that those old small town southern sheriffs were the law by day and a Ku Klux Klan leader by night burning crosses and terrorizing people. How would you react as a black person if a white cop suddenly awakened you and was about to throw cuffs on you? Ah, right. Comprende? My second nature would also be to run my ass away or fight like hell to get free. Just like Rayshard Brooks did.

## Wealth Trumps Health

COMMENTARY BY DENISE T. BEST

The United States of America is a land mass stolen from the native inhabitants and built on the free labor of enslaved Africans who survived the unmatched brutality of the American slave system. The appropriated land and free labor of Africans enslaved unto perpetuity, served the economic self-interest of the ruling class, and neither inspired, nor necessitated investment in their health and well-being. It was wealth before health in this country, and through the microscopic lens of the COVID-19 pandemic, clearly that has never changed.

In spite of the fact that we have more than 2 million confirmed cases of COVID-19, many states, including ours, have prematurely begun reopening their economies. As of five days ago, the death toll in the US has risen to 115,000. States like Arizona, North Carolina and Texas are already regretting their decision to reopen. Health department officials said the seven-day average in new cases in all three states has risen. Texas saw the largest one-day spike of 1800 new cases. North Carolina's single-day jump was 853, and Arizona reported 462 new cases.

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Daily updates from the CDC and foreign news correspondents tell the tales of the crippling results of returning to "normal", or reopening. It's too soon! Why can't we learn from the mistakes of other states? Here in Connecticut, we have yet to even enforce a mandate that everyone is required to wear a mask the moment they step outside. The second wave predicted for the fall, is already upon us as I feared would happen, when droves of unmasked people went to the beaches, held graduation pool parties, joined our protest marches, wined and dined and got their hair and nails done. Increased travel will contribute to the spike and those who will be affected the most will be the Black and Brown essential workers, who cannot afford to lose their jobs, and are forced to return to work. Wealth trumps health and worker bees. Newly crowned "essential" workers, are still expendable. The irony of it all is that white people, who have the means, and/or the good fortune to live closer to beaches and state parks, will spread the virus among themselves, then infect the "essential" workers, the most vulnerable people of color, as they casually and in some cases carelessly travel, shop and dine throughout the state.

The fact that the work ethic has eroded over the last century also adds to my angst about returning to "normal". Have you ever seen a "cleaned" hotel room under the scrutiny of an ultraviolet light, or witnessed a hospital janitor drag a murky mop and a bucket of grim, gray water from room to room spreading heaven only knows what? What about the busboy who swishes a previously-soiled, dingy rag across your table prior to placing your plate, napkin and flatware? These are the people supposedly trained to clean and sanitize. What of the poor, put-upon former ticket sellers whose jobs have been kiosked and suddenly find themselves with a grimy cloth and a spray bottle in hand? You just know they missed a spot! How can we be comfortable leaning our heads back on a bench in a station, or in a seat on Amtrak, Peter Pan or Spirit? We need to continue to shelter in place. But wealth trumps health every time, always has and certainly will continue to do so under the reign of the naked emperor.

Nancy Pelosi proposed a \$3 trillion Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions Act – or HEROES Act because, as she said, "We must think big for the people now because, if we don't, it will cost more in lives and livelihoods later." Sorry Nancy, but this is the United States of America, where wealth trumps health, and while I have to scrape up \$1200 to pay my taxes, Amazon, one of the wealthiest corporations in the country, doesn't pay taxes, and our under-paid essential workers, have been summoned to return to work all too soon.

Write to your state senators and representatives. Tell them that until there is a vaccine, social distancing is our best defense against COVID-19. We must err on the side of caution, learn by example and implement best practices. I urge everyone who can, to continue to stay home as much as possible and protect yourselves when you have to leave home. Mothers, I know it's been challenging, but tell them that you can't and won't send your babies back to school in September. It's still too soon!

## Mike McGarry

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should – scofflaws. But a simple solution doesn't make much of a sound bite.

Our state legislators, our council, our mayor, our NRZs, our Chamber

of Commerce and other organizations should make their voices heard. Hartford residents should not have to pay higher car insurance rates simply because they live within the city limits. It's unfair, it hurts

## Behind the Courtroom Doors Justice is best served in person

COMMENTARY BY ROBERT K. KILLIAN, JR.

The pandemic has challenged the operation of many American institutions, but our courts and judicial system have been a principal victim. Our legal system is collaborative, with Judges, lawyers, plaintiffs, defendants, marshals, witnesses, jurors and a variety of other supporting personae huddled in crowded hallways; deliberating in small often windowless rooms; papers constantly being passed back and forth; prisoners arriving from overcrowded jails – all serving as grease for the wheels of justice.

There is a pressing need to move forward on the court's business. People charged with crimes deserve prompt attention particularly if they suffer a loss of personal liberty. Protective orders have to be issued to prevent harm to children, spouses and others; there are intolerable and often dangerous situations from which people need relief; and the conflicts and feuds that perplex parties cannot be forever prolonged.

As with all public officials, Judicial Branch leaders from the Chief Justice to the Chief Court Administrator on down, have struggled to balance the safety of court personnel and the public as they grappled with the challenges presented by a virus from which we all have had to learn as we go. They have done a good job. But now we move into a new realm: restoration of as much normalcy as possible.

Add to the problem certain important facts:

- Courts are supposed to be open and accessible not only to lawyers and parties but to the general public as well.
- Many people lack the computer equipment or computer literacy necessary to meaningfully participate on-line.
- Our constitution guarantees the right to a jury trial for many matters and we have long recognized the right to a jury is a

key protection inherent in our system.

- Speedy trials are another protected right. Justice delayed, we believe, is truly justice denied.
- Delayed access to the courts can actually benefit some parties. An insurance company may not be desirous of speedily resolving a claim since it earns interest on the reserved funds while waiting for a trial. A party seeking relief from injustice may die before ever having their day in court.
- And—THIS IS BIG—Virtual Hearings are a poor substitute for a real hearing in a courtroom where all the parties can read other's body language and demeanor whether they are the focus of a camera or sitting out of camera's view.

I can accept the fact that after COVID-19, things will never be exactly the same and it may be a long while before a substantial return to normalcy. But the American judicial system, as much as we may choose to criticize its implementation, is the gold standard in the world. It is a keystone in our democracy and our

democratic government. I hope we will not come to accept electronic facsimiles as a substitute for the real thing.

During the pandemic I had a virtual session with my doctor in lieu of an in-person consultation. He asked me questions, took time with me, but it was an unsatisfying experience. During the same period, I've had mediations that we attempted by Zoom. I love doing mediations, but I have to tell you they are only about 70% as effective when virtual as a live session. When the computer or the telephone is utilized to allow participation by someone who otherwise would be denied the opportunity, it is a vital and welcome tool. But if it is viewed as a substitute for a process that has served us well for decades, it is a step backwards.

Justice is best served eyeball to eyeball. As we move into the uncharted waters of post-COVID-19, please return to as much of the old live and in person approach to justice as we can. Effectiveness, not efficiency, must be our goal. Supplement with the new when it accommodates a need such as allowing an infirm or distant party to participate. Don't let it replace normal participation by those who readily can.



Robert K. Killian, Jr. is an attorney and lifelong Hartford resident. He served as the Hartford District Judge of the Court of Probate for 31 years until his retirement in 2015.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF  
Jo Anne Bauer  
(20-00338)

The Hon. Foye A. Smith, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Hartford Probate Court, by decree dated June 9, 2020, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Carmen Y. Zayas,  
Clerk

The fiduciary is:  
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Pottstown, PA 19464

Jamie Stringer  
AKA Jamie Bauer Stringer  
89 Micklitz Drive  
Pottstown, PA 19464

### CITY OF HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

#### NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

The first semi-annual installment of taxes on the Grand List of October 1, 2019, and the Supplemental Motor Vehicle List, are due and payable on July 1, 2020.

Failure to pay any tax due July 1, 2020, on or before August 3, 2020, will cause the tax to become delinquent and subject to interest, from the due date, at the rate of 1 1/2 % per full or partial month. Any delinquent tax is subject to a minimum interest charge of two dollars (\$2.00).

Since failure to receive a bill does not invalidate the tax or, in the event of delinquency, respective penalties, taxpayers who do not receive a bill by the end of the first full week of January should request a duplicate from the Division of Assessment and Collections.

Payments may be mailed to the address on the bills. Payments may also be made online at [www.hartford.gov/tax](http://www.hartford.gov/tax) or in the drop box located outside the Office of the Tax Collector, 550 Main Street, Room 106, Hartford, Connecticut, Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and excluding holidays. Payments may also be made in person at the address above. Tax Office hours TBD for month of July and August 2020.

Nancy Raich, CCMC  
Tax Collector  
City of Hartford

# Sleepless in South Green

*Boom! Boom! all through the night*

COMMENTARY BY DONNA SWARR

After a third night of no sleep due to the proliferation of fireworks between midnight and dawn, I have a really bad headache. I am dizzy, my eyes aren't focusing properly, and I am in a really bad mood. I took my anger and frustration out via a survey which I shared to several Facebook groups on Monday. The survey was totally biased. I know how to write a survey, what to include to make it not only statistically useful, but also to ensure that it's valid. What I wanted to know was: Are you sick of it, too? I invited people to complete the survey as an outlet for their frustration. Yes, there are some really big issues happening right now. Black Lives Matter is finally gaining some traction, and there's also the reopening starting up after the first wave of the Coronavirus pandemic. I just think we should be able to sleep at night. Yes, I do.

The survey was called Firework Complaints: City of Hartford. The omission of a space for comments was its biggest flaw. But not to worry, I do have lots of comments which were posted; many in support, many urging caution about calling the police, and advising being tolerant of my neighbors. Why not call the police? They can't solve all of our problems. We should go after the people who are selling the fireworks. BLM and police abuse was called out. Many asked why I couldn't just talk to my neighbors or why don't we bring the community block watch back. They aren't my neighbors. And I am still being told that I shouldn't go out and be in a crowd. Would a community block watcher want to receive a call between midnight

and 4 a.m.? Would they be inclined to go out to address a problem with people they don't know? I do have neighbors who set off fireworks on a regular basis and have for years. They stop around 11 p.m., and I have never had to say a word. I don't know the people who are holding large parties on Locust Street or the ones in the Good Shepherd parking lot, or behind Armsmear in Colt Park, or the empty lot at the corner of Shultas and Franklin. And it's the industrial grade, "Display Fireworks" that are causing the biggest problems. Consumer grade fireworks must not be able to explode with mechanical shock and cannot contain aerial bursts that have more than 130 milligrams of flash powder. What we are complaining about are the similar non-consumer grade fireworks going off in our neighborhoods between midnight and dawn.

Supporters of addressing the overnight fireworks told of the re-traumatizing of veterans, how dogs wouldn't go outside, cats are hiding in the dryer, the echo effect between buildings was compounding the problem, lack of sleep and having to get up for work, frightened children who can't sleep, and the increase in fireworks from previous years. I do believe that where you live makes a big difference. I will not be told that I shouldn't complain because someone else might get into trouble. I felt victimized. That is victim blaming, and I won't go along with it.

HPD Lieutenant Paul Cicero was quoted in the Courant as saying that the "city police and fire departments are getting together this week to plan how to better crack down on

SURVEY Neighborhood	Responses %	Responses Total No.
South End	11.28%	22
South Green	1.54%	3
Parkville	1.54%	3
Southwest	11.79%	23
Asylum Hill	6.67%	13
West End	40.00%	78
Sheldon Charter Oak	0.51%	1
Frog Hollow	6.67%	13
Upper Albany	1.54%	3
Clay Arsenal	1.03%	2
North East	1.54%	3
Behind the Rocks	3.59%	7
North Meadows	0.51%	1
Barry Square	1.03%	2
Blue Hills	3.08%	6
Downtown	7.69%	15
<b>How often are there fireworks after 10 pm in your neighborhood?</b>		
Every night	86.08%	167
Every weekend	5.15%	10
Intermittent	7.73%	15
<b>Have you called the police to ask them to address the problem?</b>		
Once, then I gave up	13.85%	27
No, I just try to sleep through it	81.03%	158
Many times	5.13%	10
<b>Do you believe that this problem is worse than in prior years?</b>		
Yes	93.30%	181
No	6.70%	13
<b>Do you want the police to address this city-wide?</b>		
Yes, I want to be able to sleep	31.41%	60
I just want them to know how bad the situation is	13.09%	25
I am sick of this and want a plan put together to address this issue.	55.50%	106

fireworks scofflaws".

"Scofflaw" means a person who flouts laws, rules, conventions, or accepted practices. He noted that this problem started in April, and which coincides with the Covid-19

"Stay Safe, Stay Home" executive order. I am hoping that Lieutenant Cicero's statement will be enough to stop—or at least reduce—this problem.

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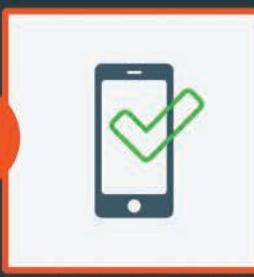
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## Trabajadores Del Centro Correccional Osborn Exigen Respeto A Sus Derechos Laborales

POR: MARICARMEN CAJAHUARINGA

Los sindicatos de trabajadores de salud del centro correccional de Osborn, denuncian que desde hace 1 año el estado de Connecticut no ha implementado nuevo personal para atender las necesidades de salud de los reos, algo que se enfatizó durante la pandemia del Coronavirus; así lo hicieron público en un comunicado oficial de la unión SEIU1199 esta semana.

Actualmente hay 29 enfermeras (o) a tiempo completo trabajando en Osborn; sin embargo, hay 14 vacantes, y 10 puestos adicionales de atención médica esperando ser llenados. Según las peticiones de los trabajadores, durante el año pasado, el Departamento de Corrección ha experimentado una grave escasez de enfermeras en ese centro correccional. El corto personal de salud se ve en la necesidad de atender a los más de mil prisioneros.

"Durante los últimos meses, me vi obligada a cubrir tres turnos adicionales por semana para compensar la escasez de personal", dijo Gabby Bottino quien es enfermera y Gerente de Casos de casos Infecciosas en el centro Correccional de Osborn.

Adicionalmente, estos trabajadores reclaman que el trabajo extenuante los pone en riesgo de contagiarse con el COVID-19, "Trabajar tantos días por 16 horas revisando los signos vitales de los prisioneros y administrando el hisopo es agotador, especialmente con la tensión adicional de estar expuesto a pacientes que dan positivo por COVID-19" agregó Bottino.

Cabe recordar que el centro Osborn, fue cerrado de emergencia el mes pasado, luego que 105 reos mostraran síntomas del COVID-19, y 369 empleados dieran positivo con el virus.

De acuerdo con el reporte del

Departamento de Correcciones, hasta el 16 de junio del 2020, 1,210 prisioneros han dado positivo con el Coronavirus, del cual 1,076 se han recuperado. Sin embargo, 7 reclusos han muerto a causa del mal. En el comunicado publicado en la pagina web, desde el 8 de junio, los prisioneros que dan positivo son transferidos a una unidad de aislamiento en la Institución Correccional del Norte. Por su lado, 9 trabajadores han sido diagnosticados con el virus hasta la fecha.

"Necesitamos entregar más recursos a nuestras cárceles, mejorar la capacidad de proteger a los prisioneros y al personal de la propagación del virus y asegurarnos de que la planificación y los procedimientos no nos dejen ponerse al día ahora o en el futuro", agregó Bottino.

Estos problemas se agregan a el tumulto de críticas alrededor del comisionado Rollin Cook, y el gobernador Ned Lamont, y como se está manejando el sistema correccional en el estado. A esto, el viernes el comisionado Cook, anunció que dejará su cargo, alegando que necesita pasar más tiempo con su familia en Utah.

No obstante, esa misma semana, la American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) llega a un acuerdo con el estado con respecto a las alegaciones de la privación de los derechos de los prisioneros en las cárceles de Connecticut, faltando así a las enmiendas sexta y decimocuarta de la Constitución, así como por la constitución y las leyes del estado.

Cook, quien formalmente dejará su cargo el 1 de julio, declaró "Este ha sido un momento sin precedentes en nuestro país y estoy muy orgulloso de cómo nuestro personal y nuestros líderes han realizado desinteresadamente sus deberes esenciales para garantizar



la salud y la seguridad de las personas encarceladas de nuestro cuidado. Sus valientes esfuerzos han salvado vidas e impactado positivamente a toda nuestra comunidad". Hasta el momento, el acuerdo está pendiente de ser aprobado por el juez tribunal.

En esfuerzos por hacer escuchar su voz, el sindicato realizó una nueva protesta en Sommers, CT el día lunes, donde indicaron que ya han hecho llegar cartas al gobernador Lamont, pero hasta ahora no se ven las acciones necesarias para salvaguardar las vidas de los trabajadores.

"Algunas personas que fueron contratadas, dejaron el trabajo rápidamente porque vieron la falta de recursos que en el centro correccional", dijo Bottino para un medio local. Otros trabajadores también añadieron que el centro los obliga a trabajar horas extras,

instando el miedo a perder sus trabajos si no cumplen o si faltan. Algo que el director de comunicaciones Pedro Zayas el sindicato SEIU 1199, ha reiterado en numerosas ocasiones en sus comunicados de prensa.

Así mismos, familiares de los trabajadores también corren el riesgo de infectarse, "Mis familiares cuidan a los otros miembros de mi familia inmediata para garantizar que no los infecte con el virus. Antes de regresar a casa todos los días, voy a un hotel para ducharme y cambiarme de ropa", exclamó Bottino buscando respuestas sobre las acciones que las autoridades penitenciarias están tomando para combatir la pandemia de COVID-19.

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Contact-free pick up service will start on June 22, 2020 and will be available at the Downtown Library. Customers will be able to reserve books and other materials online or by calling the library at 860-695-6300. Once alerted that the materials are ready, they then can schedule a time to pick up. Holds

will be available for pick up outside the Arch Street entrance to the Downtown Library. There will be designated free parking spaces available on Arch Street for customers picking up their orders.

Customers can also now return items to book drops. Fines for overdue materials will continue to be waived until September 1, 2020. Book drops are available at the Downtown Library, Park Branch, Albany Branch, Camp Field Branch, and Dwight Branch.

You can also now place holds on materials. The library will introduce a new service called "HPL Grab Bag." A customer who is looking for something to read or watch but

might not be sure of just what to pick can fill out a form online about their interests and an HPL librarian will select books for them to try. Customers who don't have online access can call the library to access the service. Materials will be stored in a brown paper bag and placed on tables outside the Arch Street lobby. Pick up times will be offered in 10 minute increments.

HPL's Library on Wheels will begin service throughout the city starting June 22, 2020. Requested materials will also be available at the Library on Wheels. The Library on Wheels will offer hold pickups, book giveaways and Census outreach.

## George Floyd Protests

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cut to the police department's budget. In addition, approximately \$1 million of that budget will be redirected from the HPD detention center and vice and narcotics division to fund training in de-escalation and cultural competency and walking-beats for more police officers.

The proposed budget also includes \$200,000 to the Corporation counsel's office to fund the Civilian Police Review Board and \$75,000 to support the new Police Accountability Review Board.

Bronin said, "Cutting nearly a quarter of the police budget overnight would not have been responsible, and it also would not have been transformative – it

would have just left us with a hundred fewer officers, no community service officers, no walk beats, and unacceptable response times. I support the City Council's decision to reduce or reallocate six percent of the police budget compared with last year – funding my proposal for a permanent investigate staff for the Civilian Police Review Board, investing in training in implicit bias, de-escalation, and cultural competency, and dedicating more funding to public works and housing inspections."

Council is expected to formally adopt the 2020-2021 budget at its meeting this Monday, June 22.

On the state level, Governor Ned Lamont issued an executive order earlier this week mandating several changes for the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP), which includes the State Police. These changes include:

- A review and update of the State Police Operations Manual so that it stresses de-escalation methods rather than the use of force; require troopers to report all uses of force, including drawing a firearm on another civilian; prohibiting troopers from shooting at or into moving vehicles unless the occupants of the vehicle

pose a deadly threat by means other than the vehicle; and other reforms.

- The appointment and training of "community trust liaisons" in each Connecticut State Police Troop who would assist those troops in building relationships with residents and community-based organizations.
- Prohibits DESPP from purchasing or otherwise acquiring military and military-style equipment from the federal government until further notice.
- Directs every uniformed officer of the Connecticut State Police to be equipped with a body camera and every marked vehicle of the Connecticut State Police to be equipped with a dashboard camera.

"The national conversation surrounding the killing of George Floyd is not new – these are issues the country has been dealing with for far too long, and the people protesting around the nation and here in Connecticut are calling for many sensible changes to protect lives," Lamont said. "The Connecticut State Police themselves have stated that they too are appalled by the recent killing in Minneapolis and welcome difficult conversations that will result in positive and meaningful changes."

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF Ashley J. Stachelek (20-00362)

The Hon. Foye A. Smith, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Hartford Probate Court, by decree dated May 26, 2020, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

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## Coronavirus Testing Sites in Hartford

Testing will be one of the keys to Hartford's recovery from the current Coronavirus (also known as COVID-19) pandemic. While anyone exhibiting symptoms of the virus (dry cough, fever) should be tested, it is recommended that all city residents who regularly come into close proximity with large numbers of people also be tested. This would include those living in large and medium size apartment buildings and those who use mass transit.

To facilitate the testing of as many city residents as possible, there are now 10 testing sites in Hartford. No insurance is required, nor is a doctor's order. *In addition, the City of Hartford is providing free transportation to and from confirmed coronavirus testing appointments through Hartford 311. Residents can call 860-757-9311 Monday – Friday, 8 AM – 5 PM to schedule a ride.*

### Hartford COVID-19 Testing Sites

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF Joyce Marie Hudson (20-00419)

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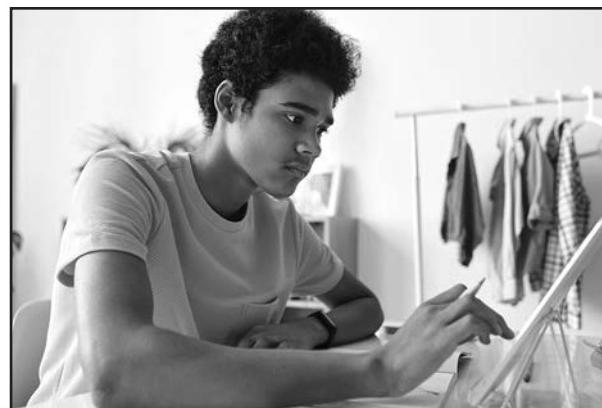
## Distance Learning

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Meanwhile, Hartford Public Schools readied an educational plan that would work for the remainder of the school year. John Fergus, Director of Communications for HPS, says that this “continuation of learning plan” was hashed out by a newly formed Distance Learning Task Force, made up of school principals and district administration. They came up with a hybrid distance-learning plan that used digital learning where possible, supplemented with paper learning packets in cases where digital learning was not viable. “Classes”, now with stu-

dents and teachers at home, were re-started on March 30th.

Computers were a big part of the equation. Families were asked to complete technology surveys to determine how city-owned laptops were allocated. Nominally, the city possessed 10,000 laptops for distribution to students at their homes, although some of these were in need of updates or repair, which reduced that number by 10-15%. To make sure needs were met,



the city ordered 3,000 new netbooks at an approximate cost of \$750,000. In the first week of distribution beginning on March 23rd,

6,600 devices were given out. The new devices arrived within two weeks to cover additional needs. High school students were given priority over younger grade levels in receiving laptops, and for families with multiple children in the school system, the district set a goal of at least one laptop per family. Pre-K

students did not receive laptops; all of their learning was done with paper activity packets. Packets were also used for other students

whose families either did not want, or could not support, digital learning—the deciding factor being access to Wi-Fi. Fergus says that staff followed up on technology surveys, trying to get laptops to families even if they initially indicated a preference for paper packets. Still, the packets played a big role; the school system has spent around \$30,000 on postage since distance learning began, five times the typical amount spent per semester.

*Next week: Parents, students, and educators weigh in on the distance learning experience*

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# El Informativo Latino

## Alcalde anunció un plan para reorganizar el presupuesto del Departamento de Policía de Hartford

Alcalde Luke Bronin anunció un plan para reorganizar el presupuesto del Departamento de Policía de Hartford. Bronin dijo que si bien no apoya “desfinanciar” a la policía, apoya totalmente la reinención de este Departamento y la adopción de reformas reales. El alcalde Luke Bronin ha respondido a la aprobación del Consejo de la Ciudad de Hartford de resoluciones. Según un comunicado, el alcalde apoya la reducción combinada del 6% y la reasignación dentro del presupuesto del Departamento de Policía en comparación con el año pasado. Una propuesta sobre el presupuesto de la ciudad de Hartford se aprobó el miércoles por la noche. La propuesta fue aprobada por unanimidad. La resolución reasignaría \$ 1 millón dentro del Departamento de Policía de Hartford. Según la resolución, se trasladarán \$ 500,000 del Centro de Detención y otros \$ 500,000 de la Unidad Vice Intel y Narcóticos. El Equipo Permanente de Violencia Doméstica recibirá \$ 300,000 y el Community Walk-beat and Training recibirá \$ 700,000. Otro millón se mudará del departamento a otros servicios de la ciudad, incluidos el Departamento de Niños y Familias y el Departamento de Servicios Humanos. La oficina del alcalde dijo que pronto se publicaría un desglose completo. Lea la Resolución Financiera Democrática en este enlace a continuación: <https://bit.ly/2BYdER1>. By Iris Rodríguez

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